SAVE THE DATES: CRMR YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS 2021

CYF & JR CAMPS JUNE 13 – 19 CHI RHO CAMP JUNE 20–26 DISCOVERY CAMP JUNE 24–26



We are continually monitoring the COVID situation and working to be able to offer safe in-person camps next summer. Information regarding the safety measures we will use at camp along with any special requirements for attending will be made available in February. Tentatively the registration deadline will be Friday, April 23.

Questions prior to February may be directed to Shelly at skgarrison50@gmail.com

Like us? Like us!

Do you have a Facebook account? If so, have you "Liked" the FCC Greeley page? If not, go to the link and "Like" the page to get ongoing updates on what is happening in our congregation and community. Then, to help spread the news from FCC Greeley to those you know, "Like" the posts or forward them to your timeline. There are many in our community who want to find a church, but are overwhelmed by going to a place they don't know. Letting your Facebook friends know that you go to our church may be just the low pressure invite that someone is looking for.

David Haining, FCC Technology

Book Club



The Evening Book Club's Valentine love story is The Fault in Our Stars by John Green.

The discussion will be via Zoom on Monday, February 1, at 6:00 p.m. .

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The Christian Caller Newsletter

February 2021

Message from Mark

"You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow off the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I Trust."

Psalm 91:1-2

My mom Pat was known for quoting small little quips of sayings that often had scriptural connections. This was one of her favorites, or at least one I remember hearing a lot. I have found myself needing to remember her voice as she would quote this Psalm in troubled times. Thank goodness for the wisdom of the Psalms, and thanks Mom for teaching me a few things. This I trust about God: that I am loved beyond my imagination and that I am held by grace. I trust that "one day at a time" we are being guided through this most challenging time. I trust the collective wisdom of all of you and of the medical and scientific community that cares for us.

I have been doing a Zoom Bible study for a few months. Last night, we had a beautiful time in Paul's letter to the Romans. We have learned that we can find community and connection even on a screen. The early church found connection in the oddest of spaces—caves, living rooms, stables, sea sides, vineyards, and yes, even an occasional synagogue. The shelter and shadow of God can be found in places we never thought to look. Where have you experienced God this past year? One place I never imagined that I would find connection is swimming. Yes, as I stare at the bottom of the pool as I am clicking off my laps, the voice of God comes to me through remembering my Mom and all her amazing sayings.

Love, Mark

First Christian Church Greeley is having **one** in-person worship service in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are observed. Attendance is limited to 50. Call or email to reserve your seat. Find more information and worship videos at

www.fccgreeley.com

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Greeley, CO

October 2020

February Scriptures & Sermons

3/07—John 2:13-22 "Jesus in the Temple"

3/14—John 3:1-17 "Midnight Mission"

3/21—John 12:20-33
"So, What's Your Life Worth?

3/28— Mark 11:1-11 "No Grand Entry"

Look for worship services each Sunday on www.fccgreeley.com

Thanks!

for all the donations that will help
Weld County families.
Along with the cash &
diapers, the Mission
Team will donate 2
child's car seats. Thank
you from the bottom of
our hearts for making Diaper Sunday
a Valentine's Day success all month
long!!

March Birthdays

- 8 Gary Dobbins
- 9 Gerre Tjardes
- 10 Susan Luecht
- 11 Tom Smith
- 12 Janean Beaman
- 13 Verna Recor
- 17 Carolyn England
- 17 Nairnne Fanberg
- 26 Bill Sinnwell

Need Help with Your COVID-19 Vaccination?

If you need help scheduling a vaccination or need transportation to get your vaccination, contact the church office at fccadmin@comcast.net or (970) 352-1292.



~ Tom Rainbolt

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Since February 17, we have been in the season of Lent. For some, it is a time to fast or to give up something we enjoy for this season. It is a time to pray and get penance and forgiveness for our sins. It is a time to remember the struggles that Jesus endured during his forty days in the wilderness. It is a time to prepare for Easter Sunday, when we celebrate His Resurrection.

It is easy to get focused on the things that we need to do or things we want to do, when we should focus on the things that we are grateful for and the blessing of having God in our lives every day, every minute. Lent gives us an opportunity to think about God's influence in our daily lives. Every time we think about what we are giving up, or what we are doing for Lent, that should be a reminder to think about why we are doing this, and to make it a daily habit to make God a focus point of our lives.

Whatever you have chosen to do for Lent, I hope it is helping you to center your life around God and His Good News.

Tom Rainbolt is new Chair of FCC's General Board. This is a reprint of his column from March 2018, when he was serving as Elder.

FCC Financial Update (as of 1/31/2021)

Income Year to Date: \$34,781.36

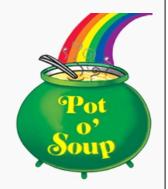
Expenses Year to Date: \$20,830.95

Mission Matters

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3

Fill a Pot o' Soup for Weld Food Bank

In celebration of Todd Loschen's ongoing recovery from COVID-19, FCC is having a St. Patrick's Day Pot o' Soup fundraiser to support the Weld Food Bank (in lieu of this year's Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser.) Did you know that in Weld County 1 in 5 people are going hungry? That equates to over 58,000 of our neighbors! The current pandemic has seen an exponential growth in need. Express your appreciation to Todd and the youth for their efforts through the years to support the Weld Food Bank. Checks may be written to FCC with "Pot o' Soup" in the memo line.



Aging Well Initiative Needs Volunteers

In 2019 United Way of Weld County and its partners established the Aging Well initiative, a shared effort of 20+ organizations to help Weld County be an even better place for older adults to live. You can make a difference in a senior's life by volunteering with one of these organizations:

60+ Ride

Alzheimer's Association

Community Grief Center

Greeley Active Adult Center

Meals on Wheels of Weld County

Volunteers of America

Weld County Area Agency on Aging

Visit www.unitedway-weld.org/agingwellvr to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

FCC Blood Drive - March 6

Did you know one blood donation could save three lives? FCC will host our spring UCHealth blood drive on Saturday, March 6, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in our east parking lot. You can sign up online and visit the UCHealth website for more information.

You must wait 14 days after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination to donate blood.



2020 Faith Build Is a Home!

We celebrate the completion of the Habitat for Humanity 2020 Faith Build! Thomas Spratte is in his new home and enjoying the accommodations for his specific needs as a quadriplegic. Owning a home was something Tom thought would never be possible for him, and he can't believe he has finally moved into his very own home. First Christian Church supported Tom throughout this build, and we look forward to supporting the 2021 Faith Build.

Upcoming Special Offerings

Right Here, Right Now Benevolence Fund – March 7

In lieu of dollar bills, you may write a check to First Christian Church with "RH/RN" in the memo line.

Easter Offering - March 28 & April 4

This special offering supports the Disciples of Christ General Ministries. Note "Easter Offering" in the memo line.



